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Land & Water Resources Committee September 14th, 2023 – 8:00 USDA Office, Mauston WI

PRESENT: Ray Feldman, Richard Kilmer, Mike Pech, Jim Cauley, Jon Field (NRCS), Jean Schultz (Health), Aimee Stieve

- 1. Meeting called to order by Ray Feldman, at 8:00 am
- 2. MINUTES
- * Minutes for the August 10th, 2023, meeting approved.
 - 3. VOUCHERS -Dustin Ladd
 - Review of September vouchers including updates on clean sweep and construction projects
 - 4. PRODUCER REPORT Jim Cauley
 - Update given on drought conditions in Juneau County and programs available due to the drought
 - Discussion of drought on this year's harvest
 - 5. NRCS Jon Field
 - Jon Field gave an update on the WTCAC meeting he attended
 - NRCS is working with FSA to finish up with the CRP program
 - Discussion of new landowners interested in cover crops and grazing
 - 6. CSGCC BROCHURE/AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES TEMPLATE CREATION Jean Schultz
 - Update on the CSGCC communications group and the flyer promoting the collaborative, the next CSGCC meeting will be held in October
 - The Health department will be assisting the CSGCC with standardizing the forms for their agenda and meeting minutes
 - Discussion of the meeting information available on the website
 - 7. SURFACE WATER EDUCATION AND PLANNING GRANTS Jean Schultz
 - The Health and Land & Water departments are working together to apply for a surface water education grant and two surface water planning grants for Juneau County
 - Discussion of what the two departments hope to accomplish with these grants including obtaining monitoring equipment and holding water testing events throughout Juneau County

8. WATER TESTING FUND UPDATE – Jean Schultz

- Update on the amount of funding still available for free water testing of nitrate and bacteria in Juneau County
- Discussion of Wood County Water Lab tests and cost

9. NECEDAH FIRE UPATE – Dustin Ladd

- Update on the progress of the grants being applied for to assist with site investigation and clean up
- Someone has been illegally hauling away scrap from the property

10. PFAS UPDATE - Dustin Ladd

- Update on the PFAS issue at Volk Field
- Discussion of PFAS sources, funding opportunities for testing, and possible changes to the PFAS standard

11. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Dustin Ladd

• Overview given on the 3 completed construction projects that the LWRD had been working on

12. PRODUCER LED UPDATE – Sarah Fleck

- The two producer-led grants have been submitted along with a Nature Conservancy grant
- A pasture walk was held Sept. 12, around 30 people attended the event, another soil health event will be held towards the end of October

13. LWRD 2024 BUDGET – Dustin Ladd

• Review and explanation of the 2024 LWRD Budget line by line

*Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Pech to approve the 2024 LWRD Budget. Motion Carried.

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA - Committee

- Necedah Fire Update
- The October meeting will be held after the Extension meeting and include a bus tour of some of the LWRD projects completed during 2023

15. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

Next meeting set October 12th, 2023 Time 8:45am following the UW Extension meeting. Location: Mauston USDA Office

16. ADJOURN-Committee

Meeting adjourned – 9:11 am